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A Star Speckled Holiday Issue
Starring the World's Mightiest Girl!

IT IS GRADUATION DAY FOR MARY BATSON!
YOU GRADUATED WITH HIGHEST HONORS, MARY!
THANK YOU SIR!
MOTHER, SUSAN AND I WILL WALK HOME TOGETHER! WE HAVE SO MUCH TO TALK ABOUT.
ALL RIGHT DEAR!
DRAWN BY JACK BINDER

AND WHO SHOULD COME TO CONGRATULATE MARY BUT SUSAN KENT, BETTER KNOWN IN CRIMINAL CIRCLES AS --- BULLETGIRL!
CONGRATULATIONS FROM BULLETMAN AND BULLETGIRL, MARY!
SUSAN KENT! HOW NICE OF YOU TO COME!

SUSAN KENT AND JIM BARR ARE FEATURED IN **MASTER** COMICS AS THE FLYING DETECTIVES. JIM LABORATORY TECHNICIAN HAS PERFECTED GRAVITY HELMETS FOR HIMSELF AND SUSAN ENABLING THEM TO BECOME FLYING FIGHTERS OF CRIME

TELL ME ALL ABOUT YOUR CRIME-HUNTING, SUSAN! YOU'RE SO FAMOUS AS SULLETGIRL.
WHAT ABOUT YOU MARY! MARY MARVEL HAS PLENTY OF ADVENTURES TOO!
AS FOR ME, THINGS HAVE BEEN RATHER QUIET LATELY!
QUIET, EH? THEY WON'T BE FOR LONG, MY DEAR!
LITTLE DO THE GIRLS KNOW THAT TWO VILLAINOUS FIGURES SECRETLY SPY ON THEM FROM HIDING!
THEY ARE DR RIDDLE AND THE WEEPER!
NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO GET SUSAN KENT OR SULLETGIRL, WITHOUT BULLETMAN AROUND! SHE WILL DIE!
AH, HOW SAD! HOW TRAGIC! BUT WHO IS THAT GIRL WITH HER?
I DON'T KNOW! JUST SOME SCHOOL-GIRL! SHE CAN'T STOP US FROM GETTING BULLET-GIRL! HERE GOES!
THE DEADLY NOOSE SLIPS AROUND SUSAN KENTS NECK!
OH--GGGGG!
GOOD HEAVENS! A ROPE!
SUSAN HAD NO CHANCE TO CHANGE TO BULLET-GIRL AND FIGHT BACK! SO I'D BEYTER SAY--- SHAZAM
MAGIC LIGHTNING BRINGS THE SHAZAM GIRL-- MARY MARVEL!
NOW TO INVESTIGATE!

SURPRISED, BULLETGIRL? YES, IT'S YOUR OLD ENEMIES, DR. RIDDLE....
AND THE WEEPER'S SON! MY FATHER THE TRUE WEEPER IS DEAD--SOB! BUT I AM CARRYING ON WITH HIS NAME!
DOUBLE DEATH FOR YOU--- THE NOOSE AND THE KNIFE! DEATH IS SO NICE AND SORROWFUL!
HOLY MOLEY!
CRY OVER THIS, MR. WEEPER!
UGH! WHO IS THIS?
FOR THE FIRST TIME THE TWO ARCH VILLAINS MEET THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST GIRL!
I'M MARY MARVEL!
WHAT? OH CURSES! SHE'S WORSE THAN BULLETGIRL! LOOK AT THE BULLETS BOUNCE FROM HER!
AND WATCH SOMETHING BOUNCE OFF YOUR CHIN NOW!
ERK!
RUN FOR IT, WEEPER! SHE HAS TO SAVE SUSAN!
GOSH, THAT'S RIGHT! I CAN'T LET SUSAN HANG AND CHOKE TO DEATH!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SUSAN?
YES, JUST LET ME-- -GASP--- CATCH MY BREATH!

SUSAN KENT NOW CHANGES TO MIGHTY BULLETGIRL!
NOW AFTER THEM! DR. RIDDLE AND THE WEEPER ARE TWO OF THE MOST VICIOUS CRIMINALS EVER KNOWN!
SEE THEM?
NO! I'M AFRAID THEY HAD TIME TO MAKE A CLEAN GETAWAY, BULLETGIRL!
GONE!
THEN LOOK FOR A NOTE, MARY! DR RIDDLE ALWAYS LEAVES THEM!
THERE'S A NOTE PINNED TO THE POST! BUT DO YOU MEAN TO TELL ME DR. RIDDLE PLAYS SILLY GAMES LIKE THAT?
YES! IT'S HIS METHOD! YOU SEE HE'S A VAIN, EGOTISTICAL MADMAN, AND HE LEAVES CLUES TO ALL HIS CRIMES AND MOVES! HE DEFIES ANYONE TO STOP HIM! LOOK AT WHAT THIS RIDDLE SAYS
WHERE DO PEOPLE HIDE NUTS? NOW THAT'S SIMPLY RIDICULOUS! THAT'S NO CLUE TO ANYTHING!
OH YES IT IS MARY! WE JUST HAVE TO USE OUR WITS AND THINK LET'S SEE.... PEOPLE HIDING NUTS.... HMMM....
SQUIRRELS HIDE NUTS IN HOLLOW TREES! BUT WHERE DO PEOPLE HIDE THEM?
Dr Riddle

I HAVE IT! HE'S REFERRING TO CRAZY PEOPLE AS NUTS! PEOPLE HIDE THEM IN AN INSANE ASYLUM! THAT'S OUR ANSWER MARY! LET'S GET GOING TO THE CITY ASYLUM!
I DON'T KNOW! MAYBE IT'S THEIR HIDE OUT!
BUT WHAT WOULD RIDDLE AND WEEPER BE DOING IN AN ASYLUM?
BUT AFTER INQUIRY....
I ASSURE YOU THOSE TWO PERSONS ARE NOT IN THIS BUILDING! I'M SORRY BUT YOU'VE MADE A MISTAKE!
LET'S GO, MARY! WRONG GUESS!
BUT I'M SURE DR RIDDLE MEANT AN INSANE ASYLUM! THERE ARE NO OTHERS AROUND HERE!
WAIT! THERE IS ANOTHER ONE OUTSIDE OF TOWN! IT'S BEEN ABANDONED BUT IT USED TO BE AN ASYLUM!
GOOD GIRL MARY! AN OLD ABANDONED BUILDING IS A MORE LIKELY PLACE FOR THEIR HIDE-OUT!
WAIT, IT MAY BE A TRAP FOR US! SUPPOSE I GO IN FIRST MARY AND YOU FOLLOW ME UP IF I'M IN TROUBLE!
RIGHT! AND I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA.. SHAZAM!
MARY MARVEL CHANGES BACK TO INNOCENT MARY BATSON!
I'LL PRETEND TO BE A GIRL PICKING WILD FLOWERS! THAT WAY I CAN GET CLOSE TO THE PLACE, WITHOUT SUSPICION WHILE YOU GO IN!
GOOD! I'LL GO IN NOW!
MEANWHILE INSIDE...
OH HOW SAD! BULLETGIRL IS COMING! WOE TO US! YOU MADE THE CLUE TOO EASY!
FOOL! I WANTED HER TO COME THIS IS A TRAP!

BULLETGIRL IS ALONE! NOW HIDE IN THE CLOSET! YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!
HOW MISERABLE SHE WILL BE IN A MOMENT!
DR. RIDDLE! FIRE ALL YOU WANT! MY GRAVITY-HELMET ATTRACTS ALL BULLETS YOU KNOW!
WELL, I'M GETTING ALONG FINE! NO NEED TO CALL MARY!
THAT'S FOR DR RIDDLE! BUT WHERE IS THE WEEPER, I WONDER?
RIGHT HERE MY DEAR! I WEEP FOR YOU, BEING TRAPPED SO EASILY, BY THIS STRAIGHT JACKET! HELP ME TIE IT, DR. RIDDLE!
HUH?
A MOMENT LATER . .
DR. RIDDLE WINS AGAIN AND I SUPPOSE YOU THINK WE DON'T KNOW THAT MARY CAME WITH YOU!
OH, IF I COULD ONLY YELL AND WARN MARY!
MEANWHILE, MARY IS SUSPICIOUS AT THE LONG DELAY . . . .
NO WORD FROM BULLETGIRL! DID SOMETHING HAPPEN? I'LL CREEP IN AND HAVE A LOOK!
BULLETGIAL -- CAUGHT!
TURN ON THE HOSE, WEEPER! HURRY!

SHAZ--
BLUB!
URGLE!
HAH! SOME OF THE OLD EQUIPMENT IS STILL HERE, SUCH AS THIS HOSE, FORMERLY USED TO QUIET MANIACS! IT'LL QUIET THAT GAL TOO!
UNABLE TO PRONOUNCE HER MAGIC WORD MARY IS CAPTURED!
ISN'T IT A SAD SAD WORLD THOUGH? MY HEART BLEEDS FOR YOU! THERE IS NOTHING BUT MISERY AHEAD FOR YOU NOW!
NEVER MIND YOUR CROCODILE TEARS WEEPER! NOW TOSS THEM INTO THIS OLD PADDED CELL!
THERE! THAT PADDED CELL HAS NO WINDOWS! WITH THIS DOOR CLOSED TIGHTLY, THEY'LL RUN OUT OF AIR AND SUFFOCATE! NOW WE CAN LEAVE TO FULL OUR PLANNED CRIME!
WITHIN THE PADDED CELL, BULLETGIRL AND MARY FACE SLOW DEATH!
AIR GETTING STUFFY ALREADY! WE CAN'T LAST MORE THAN AN HOUR!
IF I COULD ONLY THINK OF SOMETHING TO ESCAPE..
WAIT! IF I CAN JUST HOOK THE GRAVITY-HELMET UNDER MARY'S GAG AND PULL IT AWAY... AH!
YOU DID IT BULLETGIRL! NOW..
SHAZAM!
ONCE MORE A LIGHTNING FLASH BRINGS MARY MARVEL!
I'M FREE! NOW TO RELEASE YOU FROM THE STRAIGHT JACKET BULLETGIRL!

AND NOW TO MAKE AN EXIT!
THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST GIRL EASILY BURSTS FROM THE PRISON
RIDDLE AND WEEPER ARE GONE!
BUT LOOK ANOTHER NOTE!
JUST IN CASE YOU ESCAPE --- WHICH IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE-- UNRIDDLE THIS IF YOU CAN!-- - --
BIRDS OF A FEATHER DON'T STICK TOGETHER! AND BIRDS WITHOUT FEATHERS CAN FLY IN THE SKY! A BIRD IN THE BUSH IS WORTH TWO IN THE HAND! WHEN GOLD EAGLES COME FLOATING DOWN TO THE LAND!
ANOTHER RIDDLE FOR US TO SOLVE MARY! ANY IDEAS?
HMM! WELL, RIDDLE AND WEEPER ARE BIRDS OF A FEATHER! SO IF THEY DON'T STICK TOGETHER IT MEANS THEY SEPARATED!
GOOD! AND 'BIRDS WITHOUT FEATHERS', NATURALLY, ARE PLANES! BUT THIS 'BIRD IN THE BUSH'--- HMM! CAN IT MEAN THAT ONE OF THEM WILL BE HIDING IN THE BUSHES?
THAT'S IT! AND 'GOLD EAGLES' ARE MONEY! MONEY WILL COME FLOATING DOWN TO THE ONE WAITING IN THE BUSHES! IT SOUNDS LIKE A CRIME-JOB!
EXACTLY! SUMMING IT UP, IT MEANS ONE OF THEM WILL ROB A PLANE CARRYING GOLD! THE OTHER ONE WAITS BELOW TO RECEIVE IT!
WE'VE SOLVED THE RIDDLE BETWEEN US!

MARY, YOU FLY TO THE AIRPORT AND CHECK ON THE PLANES ! I'LL SCOUT AROUND IN THE FOREST OVER WHICH THE PLANES PASS. WE'VE GOT TO SEPARATE THIS WAY IN ORDER TO NAB BOTH RIDDLE AND WEEPER !
LATER... AT THE AIRPORT
IS ANY PLANE CARRYING A GOLD SHIPMENT DUE TO LEAVE OR ARRIVE ?
WHY, A PLANE JUST LEFT TEN MINUTES AGO WITH GOLD HEADING EAST !
FLIGHT SCHEDULE
THAT'S ALL I NEED TO KNOW ! EAST, EH ? GOT TO CATCH UP WITH THAT PLANE !
MEANWHILE ABOARD THE GOLD BEARING PLANE
WE'RE CARRYING A MILLION IN GOLD HANK !
I HOPE WE AREN'T CARRYING ANY BANDITS AS STOWAWAYS
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU ARE CARRYING FOOLS !
DR RIDDLE STRIKES FROM HIDING !
OUT COLD ! WHILE THE PLANE IS STILL ON THE AUTOMATIC PILOT, I CAN TOSS THIS GOLD CARGO OUT ON A PARACHUTE !
GOLD
WEEPER IS WAITING BELOW ! I'LL FOLLOW IN A MOMENT AFTER I SMASH THE PLANES CONTROLS !
MARY MARVEL ARRIVES BUT ONLY IN TIME TO SEE...
DR RIDDLE ! ROBBED THE PLANE AND IS GETTING AWAY !
MARY MARVEL ! BUT SHE HAS TO SAVE THE PLANE AND LET ME GO !

GOT TO LAND THIS PLANE GENTLY SOMEWHERE AND SAVE THE PILOTS!
THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST GIRL EASES THE PLANE DOWN SAFELY
THANKS, MARY MARVEL!
GLAD TO HELP! BUT NOW TO GET AFTER RIDDLE!
MEANWHILE THE GOLD HAS FLOATED DOWN TO THE WEEPER!
A MILLION DOLLARS! I WON'T EVEN BE ABLE TO SPEND MY HALF FOR YEARS! HOW SAD! HOW WOEFUL!
BUT BULLETGIRL HAS COME TO THE FOREST AND...
IF YOU WANT SOMETHING TO CRY ABOUT, HOW'S THIS?
GIVE UP?
YES, I'LL SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE IN JAIL! HOW SAD! HOW DREARY! WOE IS ME!
NO! WOE IS YOU, BULLETGIRL! RIDDLE CAME DOWN JUST IN TIME TO GET YOU! I COULD ALMOST SMILE OVER THIS--
--ALMOST!
OUT COLD! SHE'S SMART ENOUGH TO SOLVE MY RIDDLES ALL THE TIME, BUT I ALWAYS TURN THE TABLES! HAH! NOW AWAY WITH THE GOLD!
GOLD
GOLD
GOLD
WHAT ABOUT MARY MARVEL?
I TOOK CARE OF HER! SHE--
--ULPS! HERE SHE COMES!

I HAVE A RIDDLE FOR YOU, DR. RIDDLE. IF I HIT YOU REAL HARD WHAT SOUND WILL YOU MAKE?
GOLD

UGGLE!
THAT'S RIGHT! HOW DID YOU GUESS?
GOLD

BULLETGIRL REVIVES IN TIME TO JOIN THE SHOWDOWN FIGHT!
AS FOR POOR WEEPER, IT'S SO SAD TO THINK HOW HAPPY THE WARDEN WILL BE TO SEE HIM!
SHE'S MOCKING ME!

THANKS MARY MARVEL! YOU'VE HELPED ME CAPTURE TWO OF MY WORST ENEMIES! I'LL TAKE THEM OVER NOW!
IT WAS EXCITING, BULLETGIRL! GOODBYE!
GOLD

BULLETGIRL AND MARY MARVEL MAKE QUITE A TEAM TOGETHER, AS TWO FLYING GIRLS! MAYBE THEY'LL HAVE ANOTHER ADVENTURE TOGETHER SOMEDAY!
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TWO FLYING GIRLS NAB CROOKS!
BULLETGIRL MARY MARVEL